## U.S. Application No.: PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Page 3, delete the first full paragraph (lines 1-2) in its entirety.

Page 5, before line 1, insert:

-- BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS --

Page 5, line 14, insert:

-- DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION -- .

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 11, line 1, please delete "Patent Claims" and insert therefore --What is claimed is:--

Claim 2, lines 1-2, delete "thereby characterized, that" and insert --wherein--;

Claim 3, lines 1-2, delete "thereby characterized, that" and insert --wherein--;

Claim 4, lines 1-2, delete "one of claims 1-3, thereby characterized, that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--;

Claim 5, lines 1-2, delete "one of the preceding claims, thereby characterized, that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--;

Claim 6, lines 1-2, delete "one of the preceding claims, thereby characterized, that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--;

Claim 7, lines 1-2, delete "one of preceding claims, thereby characterized, that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--;

Claim 8, lines 1-2, delete "one of claims 1-7, thereby characterized, that" and insert --claim 1, wherein--;

Claim 9, lines 1-2, delete "thereby characterized, that" and